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1. Two new cantonment buildings were being constructed on the landing field of the Neuruppin (N 53/2 49) airfield on 21 December 1949. According to several local residents, two Berlin firms were to shortly start improvement work at the field. The Neuruppin municipal administration had been ordered by the Soviets to accommodate about 800 workers in the near future. Drilling soldiers but no aircraft were seen at the field.
2. Five U-2 biplanes were parked on the south edge of the field on 15 December 1949. Another U-2 plane landed on the N-S runway at about 11 a.m. Soviet soldiers were surveying in the eastern section of the field. Stadia rods were set up along the N-S runway at equal intervals. The fences surrounding the allotment gardens had been removed and the gardens were evacuated by the civilians. Several Soviet Army units were given basic and field training on the landing field.
3. Seven U-2 biplanes were parked at the field (see Annex) on 19 January 1950. A U-2 plane took off at about 2 p.m. heading southwest. The three-story buildings on the southwest edge of the field were newly roofed. The heaps of debris in the angle formed by the taxiway and the runway were being cleared and graded. It was rumored among the Neuruppin residents that the field was to be improved. A unit in company strength was given combat training on the landing field. It was noted that several air force officers and EN were seen at the field and in town.
4. Two biplanes made local flights over the field between 9:30 and 11 a.m. on 24 January 1950. No other planes were seen. No construction work was under way.

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Surveying work was observed at the field in November 1949 but construction work had apparently not started. The intended improvement of the field, which is apparently still occupied by an army unit, has not been confirmed. It is not assumed that an air unit is stationed there. The PO-2s are probably courier planes assigned to the army unit.

1 annex: Mourupin airfield.

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